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Easter 2021 – America is ready for a Resurrection

Dr. Glenn Mollette

The followers of Jesus believed in his resurrection because they saw him alive after he was dead. They had a powerful testimony of firsthand evidence seen with their own eyes.

Mary Magdalene saw Jesus first. In John's gospel chapter 20:14-16 we have the recorded appearance. "Jesus said to her, Mary! She turned and said to him 'Rabboni' which is to say teacher."

Jesus next appeared to Mary the mother of James, Salome and Joanna. They were on their way to tell the disciples that an angel had told them Jesus had risen when he appeared before them. He greeted them and the women took hold of his feet and worshipped him. (Matthew 28:9) As with Mary Magdalene these three women also touched Jesus.

Jesus appeared to Peter. "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" (Luke 24:34) This was a private appearance and occasion where Jesus reassured Peter. Peter had earlier denied him.

Later on Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They had lost hope in Jesus and were leaving Jerusalem. They were not expecting Jesus to rise. Jesus approached them and began traveling with them. Luke 24:13-16.

Jesus' last appearance on Easter Sunday was to the disciples with Thomas absent. It took place in the upper room in which Jesus had instituted the Lord's Supper. It is recorded in Luke's and John's gospel. Jesus came and stood in their midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." And when he had said this, he showed them both his hands and his side. The disciples therefore rejoiced when they saw the Lord."

There were other appearances of Jesus later as recorded in the scriptures but these were the five appearances on Easter.

The followers of Jesus were terrified. They had been hiding behind closed doors. They thought they could be arrested and crucified at any time, just like Jesus. Seeing Jesus alive turned their lives around completely. They were so empowered they went out to dynamically proclaim that Jesus had risen. Their message brought hope to a scared and hopeless society.

Last Easter most of the world sat behind closed doors for fear of Covid-19. Many church doors around the world were closed in fear. This Easter will be different as millions have received their vaccinations and are feeling hopeful. Most houses of worship will be open and many will go to church this Easter. It probably will not be like "before" Covid-19 as many have yet to be vaccinated and still will not feel safe to venture out.

America and the world have been down emotionally. Sickness, death, business failures and our Covid lifestyles have taken a lot out of us. We want to live again. Easter is about life, new life.

If you possibly can, get up, get out and celebrate life this Easter, safely. America is ready for a resurrection.

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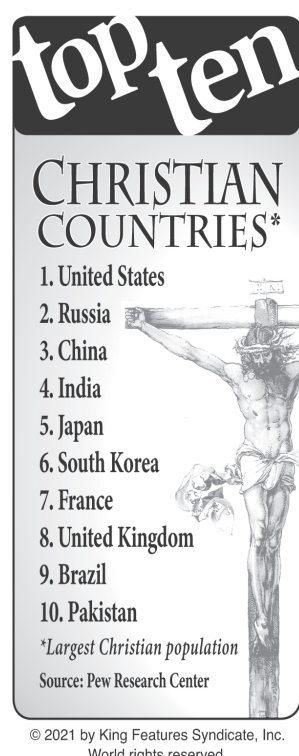
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Psalms in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What type of musical accompaniment is given as instructions for recitation of Psalms 4? Flutes, Stringed instruments, Shofars, Mandrakes
3. From Matthew 6, what did Jesus say not to use when we pray? Loud curses, Impure thoughts, Vain repetitions, Wandering shifts
4. 1 Chronicles starts with how many chapters of genealogy? 3, 5, 7, 9
5. From Esther 1, King Ahasuerus lived in what city? Ur, Shushan, Antioch, Tarsus
6. Who was the first son of Moses and Zipporah? Haggai, Gershom, Mark, Zebudah

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Stringed instruments; 3) Vain repetitions; 4) 9; 5) Shushan; 6) Gershom

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April 1, 2021
By Paulette Dean

Yesterday was our 14th anniversary with our much-loved umbrella cockatoo, Buddy. With this anniversary comes a stark warning for all companion animal guardians.

Regular visitors to the shelter or readers of this column may remember that we were involved in an auction involving 600 birds at a breeding facility in North Carolina. Animal welfare groups from all around the country pooled money and acquired as many as possible to keep them out of the bird breeding industry. Buddy was one of the 19 birds we were able to get.

That is not all of the story, though. Before the auction, we contacted the owners and asked if we could pick up any of the ones that were sick or in poor condition. To my surprise, they agreed we could come and get the worst ones.

When we went to the location, we saw row after row of cages outside. Companion birds of all kinds clung to the sides of cages. Their only purpose in life, according to humans, was to produce offspring so money could be made.

I am still so haunted by this experience. One bird - another umbrella cockatoo - was alone in a cage. When we walked down his row, he went to the front of the cage and started yelling, "I can talk, I can talk."

Our hearts broke. Now, I realize that some people will say that he really did not know what he was saying. Perhaps that is so, but to us it meant that this bird had at some point been in a loving home and had, in fact, been taught to speak in human language.

One volunteer with us started crying and said she wondered if he was calling out in desperation, hoping he would be taken from the sparse cage outside.

Sadly, we did not win him in the auction a few days after that.

The warning or cautionary tale that comes from this story is this - be very, very careful if you can no longer care for an animal and decide you must find another home for him or her.



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The talking bird was obviously once a favored companion. Circumstances came up that resulted in him being given away to someone. More often than you realize, that second home decides another home must be sought, so once again, the animal is given away. Big birds are expensive, messy, and destructive.

If you must find another home for an animal, check, double-check, and triple-check. In one possible scenario, the talking bird may have been placed in the breeding facility because, after all, there would be other birds to keep him company, the people knew how to handle birds, etc.

In fact, even carefully check out sanctuaries. Many "sanctuaries" are actually awful places where hellish conditions exist. Check with local humane societies, state agencies, law enforcement, etc. to see if they are familiar with the sanctuaries. We once received a couple of large birds from a terrible sanctuary; a volunteer begged the owner to let her have a couple of the birds just so they wouldn't die in a horrible way.

After all these years, I still wonder how the talking bird wound up in that breeding facility and where he went from there. I so deeply hope he was won by another animal welfare group and has been adopted into a loving home where his humans will laugh as he reassures them that he can talk.

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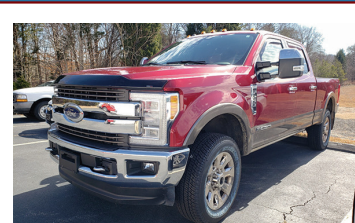
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DANVILLE UTILITIES RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Danville Utilities has earned a "Platinum" level designation as a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3®) from the American Public Power Association for providing customers with reliable and safe electric service.

The "Platinum" level is the second highest a public power entity can achieve. Danville Utilities has received the RP3 designation multiple times, but this year is the first time it has reached the "Platinum" level.

"I think over the last year or so, we've seen the vital importance of running a reliable and safe utility," says Aaron Haderle, chair of APPA's RP3 Review Panel and manager of transmission and distribution operations at the Kissimmee Utility Authority in Kissimmee, Fla. "The utilities receiving the RP3 designation have proven that they are committed to running a top-notch public power utility by implementing industry best practices."

The RP3 designation recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement.

Criteria include sound business practices and a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity.

Danville Utilities will retain the RP3 designation for three years. Of the 2,000 public power communities in the nation, Danville Utilities is one of only 275 utilities that hold the RP3 designation.

"We couldn't be prouder to be honored with this designation," said Jason Grey, director of Danville Utilities. "This is the culmination of a lot of work from a lot of people who really care about powering our community. But this designation is not a final destination. We are committed to continuing to look for ways to improve our operations and service to our customers."

The American Public Power Association has offered the RP3 designation for 15 years now. APPA is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 49 million people in 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. APPA advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training, and operations.

Danville Utilities provides natural gas, water, wastewater and telecommunications services in Danville and distributes electricity to approximately 42,000 customer locations in a 500-square-mile service territory covering Danville, the southern third of Pittsylvania County, and small portions of Henry and Halifax counties.

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The Municipal Building and all other City of Danville government offices will be closed on Monday, April 5, in observance of the Easter holiday. The public library will be closed and there will be no Danville Transit service.

However, the James F. Ingram Justice Center (courthouse) will be open. Also, household trash and yard waste will be collected on Monday as regularly scheduled.

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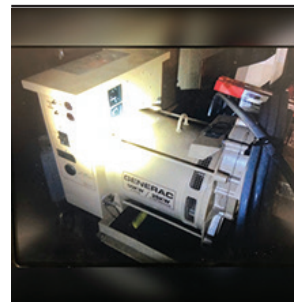
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Iris Francis Hankins

June 12, 1923 ~ March 23, 2021 (age 97)



Mrs. Iris Francis Hankins, age 97, of Danville, Virginia, passed away on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at Roman Eagle Health and Rehab.

Mrs. Hankins was born on June 12, 1923, in Pittsylvania County, to the late James H. Francis and Bertha Jones Francis. She lived most of her life in Danville and Java

and was of the Baptist faith.

Mrs. Hankins is survived by her sister, Joan Wray and her niece and caregiver, Faye Emerson. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Hankins was predeceased by her loving husband, Thomas H. Hankins; son, Garland Vaden; sisters, Ruby McNeil, Betsy Thomas, Irene Gammon; and brothers, Bill Francis, Johnnie Francis and James "Red" Francis.

Graveside services will be conducted Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 2 PM at Highland Burial Park with Reverend Jerry Flannagan officiating.

At other times, the family will receive friends at the residence of Faye Emerson, located at 432 Meadows Farm Road, Blairs, Virginia 24527.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Hankins family.

Owen James Bogosian

September 20, 1927 ~ March 27, 2021 (age 93)



Mr. Owen James Bogosian, age 93, of Danville, passed away on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at SOVAH Health - Danville after a decline in health for four years.. Mr. Bogosian was born on September 20, 1927 in Worcester, MA,

the son of the late Joseph Bogosian and Elizabeth Toye Bogosian. He was married to Janice Pasciuti Bogosian, who survives him. He was a US Navy veteran of World War II, and a master TV technician. He was past owner of Master TV Sales and Service of Framingham, MA and Linwood, MA. He had an excellent sense of humor, was an excellent fisherman, loved old Movies, and had an extensive collection of hobbies which included music, record collection (33"s, 78"s and 45"s), 8 track tapes and cassette tapes, and CD"s. He was especially fond of the "Big Band Era". He had music from all genres. He had an excellent tenor voice; loved to sing music from the 30"s, 40"s and 50"s. At one time he had "crank" victrolas and radios from the 40"s, several antique music cabinets.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Bogosian is survived by his children: Laura Liberatore and her husband, Matthew, of Framingham, MA; Pauline Cleveland and her husband, Russell, of Charlton, MA; David Bogosian, of Worcester, MA; and Mark Bogosian, of Sterling, MA; and several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces, and nephews.

Also, in addition to his parents, Mr. Bogosian was predeceased by the mother of his four children, Doris Howard Bogosian and brothers, Paul and Armand Bogosian.

As one of Jehovah's Witnesses, Owen had a strong faith and was looking forward to a promised RESURRECTION. He was also looking forward to a new world where no one would say "I am sick". (Isaiah 33:24) Owen had many friends all over the country. He will be missed.

Thank You to all of our wonderful friends and Elders in Danville, VA. Thank You to SOVAH Health of Danville. Thank You to all the doctors who kept him alive for 93 years. Thank You, Holiday Village Management, staff, and residents who heped us for four years.

Due to the Covid-19 guidelines, There will be a memorial service for Mr. Bogosian on Sunday, April 11, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. to be shown on ZOOM, officiated by Elder James White.

Barker Funeral Home is respectfully serving the Bogosian family.

Else T. Liggon

April 12, 1937 ~ March 28, 2021 (age 83)

On March 28, 2021, Else T. Liggon passed away at the age of 83.

Else was born to Olga Mortensen and Jens F. Tang in 1937. She was educated in Denmark, France, and graduated Averett University with a master's degree. Else retired from Danville Community College with 37 years of service as Financial Aid Supervisor. She was married to Bobby G. Liggon and raised one son, Robert.

Else was very dedicated to her family and career. She was loved by all who knew her and cherished any time with family or friends. Else was a member of Ascension Lutheran Church. Else enjoyed the arts and was well traveled during her lifetime.

Else is preceded in death by her parents, Olga and Jens. Else is also preceded in death by her husband Bobby and they are together again in Heaven. She is survived by her brother Jens and his daughters' families. Else is also survived by her son Robert and her three granddaughters, Amanda, Cora, and Andrea who she loved so very much. Lastly, she is survived by numerous family members and friends on both sides of the Atlantic who will miss her very much.

A graveside service will be conducted at a later date.

Swicegood Funeral Home is respectfully serving the Liggon Family

John Hyter Gordon II

May 14, 1955 ~ March 29, 2021 (age 65)

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:7



John Hyter Gordon II entered heavenly rest on March 29, 2021 at home with his loving wife Linda Woods Gordon, by his side. Affectionately known as "Johnny," he was born on May 14, 1955 in Richmond, Virginia. He was the first child born to the late John Hyter Gordon and Marian Thomas Gordon.

Johnny was raised and lived his entire life in Danville, Virginia. At the young age of 12, Johnny was baptized at Vance Street Baptist Church. In 1974, he graduated from George Washington High School. Later in life Johnny married his wife, Linda, February 26, 2000, took her son, Corey, under his "wing" as his own, and loved his wonderful grandson, Zakius. Zakius lovingly called Johnny, Pa John. For the past eleven years, Johnny and Linda attended The Life Church in Danville, Virginia. Dedicated to his faith, Johnny enjoyed talking about the Bible and impressed ministers and deacons with his knowledge of biblical events and scriptures. Johnny and Linda would also go house-to-house conducting Bible classes in their community. Throughout his years of marriage, Linda inspired Johnny, and he made the Dean's List at Danville Community College. Graduating summa cum laude in 2006, he earned a diploma in Analyst Electronics, and two certificates in Industrial Electrical Principles. During his lifetime, Johnny worked as a contract painter for three years, and enjoyed this work. He also worked at Southside Manufacturers from 1997-1999, Masonite Corporation, 2002-2005, and retired on disability from Essel Propack Company in 2016.

Johnny's favorite passions in life were loving his son and grandson, and playing chess with family and friends. He took pride in teaching his grandson, Zakius, to ride a bike, and play basketball. Johnny spent quality time advising Zakius about life, and eating at restaurants. As children, Johnny and his brother, Thomas, taught themselves to play chess, and they would play for hours. Of course, Johnny was the chess master and always won their matches. He even handmade a wooden chess board that he used for playing the game he loved. Other passions of Johnny's were drawing and painting the human form, working with his hands to fix gadgets, playing pool and the card game bid whist. He was a talented artist, and he could have easily sold his work at art galleries and exhibitions. Adept at using his hands to repair and fix gadgets, Johnny was known to repair a computer by taking it apart, and putting it back together again.

Johnny was predeceased by his mother, Marian Thomas Gordon, in 2005, his father, John Hyter Gordon, in 2013, and his sister, Josephine Hart Gordon, in 2016. He is survived by wife, Linda Woods Gordon; son, Corey Woods (Rose), Seattle, Washington; grandson, Zakius Woods, Mebane, North Carolina; brother, Thomas Astaire Gordon (Angela), Richmond, Virginia; sister, Adrienne Gordon Fagler (Johnny), Dumfries, Virginia, nephew, LaDarrel Teko Purdie, Tampa, Florida; niece, Achari Mainor Summerville (Monte), Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; stepmother Ruby Green Gordon, Dumfries, Virginia; devoted cousins, Loretta Cosby, Dale City, Virginia; Zenobia Carter Austin (Earl), Appomattox, Virginia; Edna Carter, Woodford, Virginia; Evangelist Judy Fallen, Danville, Virginia; Minister Winfred Fallen, Danville, Virginia, and a host of family and friends.

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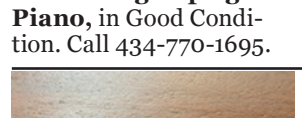
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* Tulips can continue to grow as much as an inch per day after being cut.

* A man with severe OCD and a phobia about germs attempted to commit suicide with a gun to his head. Instead of killing him, the bullet eliminated his mental illness without any other damage.

* Vanilla flavoring is sometimes made with beaver urine.

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CURIOUS ABOUT ESTATE PLANNING? Be Sure To Join Attorney Robert W. Haley For A Seminar on April 7th!

Mark your calendars: April 7th, 2021 at 12:00pm starts our office's return to presenting live, in-person, seminars on a variety of topics! Certified Elder Law Attorney®, Robert W. Haley will be giving a seminar on 5 @ 55 Estate Planning Basics that everyone should have in place.

This free seminar is part of the NCI Life 2021 Series, and is being presented through **New College Institute** on 191 Fayette Street in Martinsville, VA. For more information or to register, please contact NCI directly at (276) 403-5671. While this presentation will be in-person and a welcome break from the 'virtual' Zoom presentations that our office had given last year, social distancing and mask protocols will still be observed for this event. We hope to see you there!

There are a certainly a lot of myths and misconceptions in Estate Planning! Whether at seminars in person, through consults or webinars and even over the phone, we often hear these myths listed below come up quite frequently:

MYTH #1: "Estate planning is only for the rich."

When people hear the word "estate", the automatic association is that of a millionaire, for example, "stately Wayne Manor". This is a popular misconception. Often, people believe that estate planning only benefits the wealthy, but nothing could be further from the truth.

If you own property and assets or have loved ones that depend on you to provide for their income or care, you have an estate and need a plan—regardless of the size of your estate!

Estate planning is something everyone needs to engage in regardless of age, estate size, or marital status. If you have a bank account, investments, a car, home or other property—you have an estate. More importantly, if you have a spouse, minor children, or other dependents, an estate plan is crucial for protecting their interests and their future income needs.

An estate plan can help you accomplish these and other important goals:

- Protect those who depend on you and your income during their lifetime.
- Name guardians for minor children, or adult-disabled children.
- Name the family members, loved ones, and organizations that you wish to receive your property following your death.
- Transfer property to your heirs and any organizations you've named in your estate planning documents in a tax-efficient and expedient manner, with as few legal hurdles as possible.
- Manage tax exposure.
- Name your executor and/or trustee – the individual(s) or institution you appoint to act in settling your estate and distributing your property.
- Avoid probate, the court process for proving that a deceased person's will is valid.
- Document the type of care that you prefer to receive should you become ill or incapacitated, including any life-prolonging medical care that you do or do not wish to receive. Do not assume that your loved ones "already know what you want."
- Express your personal wishes and preferences for funeral arrangements and how related expenses will be paid.

MYTH #2: "Estate planning is only about distributing my assets after I'm gone."

Everyone knows that they need a will. But what happens when someone is in a serious accident, is in a coma, or is suffering from dementia or a stroke? Legacy and incapacity planning are two areas of planning that encompass far more than simply managing your assets during or after your lifetime.

Just like your goals, your legacy is unique to you and your family. While it includes important charitable planning goals and gifting strategies, it goes well beyond the monetary aspects to include passing down the values, experiences, hard work and memories that define your life and are important to you and your family in a way that's meaningful to you.

Incapacity planning helps you prepare for unexpected events at every stage of your life from naming a guardian for your minor children, to who will manage your affairs if you're no longer able to do so yourself, to the type of care you will receive and who will oversee your care.

MYTH #3: "A will can oversee the distribution of *all* of my assets."

A will is a legal document that instructs how your property will be distributed after your death. It allows you to name an executor, who is your personal representative charged with overseeing the distribution of your property and

shepherding it through the probate process. Probate is the process that's required to validate your will and transfer your assets.

However, certain assets may sit outside of your will. These include life insurance policies or qualified retirement accounts (401(k)s, IRAs, etc.) that have a beneficiary designation, as well as assets or accounts with a pay-on-death (POD) or a transfer-on-death (TOD) designation. These assets transfer directly to the named beneficiaries and are not subject to probate. This is why it's so important to review your account beneficiary designations annually or whenever changes in your life occur. For example, if you divorce and remarry and fail to update the beneficiary designation on your IRA account to your new spouse, your ex-spouse would receive those assets upon your death. Even if your will and/or trust names your current spouse as the beneficiary or co-trustee, since these assets sit outside of your will or a trust, they are not governed by those documents.

In addition to a will, it's important to work with the right estate attorney to draw up other important legal documents to protect your interests and the interest of your dependents and/or heirs. These include:

- **A Durable Power of Attorney** is where you name and empower your "agent" to carry out any legal and/or financial decisions that have to be made on your behalf during your lifetime if you are unable to act on your own behalf. Unlike other powers of attorney extending specific or limited powers to a named agent, a durable power of attorney doesn't end if you become incapacitated. However it should be known that, all powers of attorney end at your death.

- **A Health Care Power of Attorney** indicates who is empowered to make healthcare decisions on your behalf and spells out how you wish to be cared for, alleviating the burden on your family members and loved ones to make those decisions at a highly stressful and emotional time.

- **A Living Will** is a legal document that enables you to specify the kind of medical care you do or do not want to receive in the event of illness or incapacity.

- **Trusts:** While not everyone needs a trust, it can provide the confidence that you have a plan in place to help provide for the safe and accountable management of family assets and to direct their use and distribution in accordance with your wishes and objectives. It allows while you're alive, for you to remain both the trustee and the beneficiary of the trust, maintaining control of the assets and receiving all income and benefits. Upon your death, a designated successor trustee manages and/or distributes the remaining assets according to the terms set in the trust, avoiding the probate process. In addition, should you become incapacitated during the term of the trust, your successor or co-trustee can take over its management. All trusts fall into one of two categories: revocable or irrevocable. Within these categories, many types of trusts exist to fulfill a broad range of needs and objectives.

MYTH #4: "Once I put a plan in place, I am finished! I don't need to revisit it later."

Planning is never a "once and done" proposition. Your life, preferences and goals change over time, and may be also be impacted by outside influences, such as the financial markets, tax law changes and economic events. What if you marry or divorce, welcome a new child or grandchild, your minor children become adults, you move to another state, or experience the death of a spouse? All of these changes need to be reflected in your estate planning. That's why it's important to periodically review and update your estate planning documents, including your beneficiary designations and how your various accounts are titled!

If you or someone in your family have not started your estate planning, or asset protection planning already and are concerned about eventual nursing home care, it is crucial to consult with a Certified Elder Law Attorney® to figure out the best way to plan for the future. For more information on Estate Planning, Medicaid Planning or Asset Protection, please contact us at (855) 503-5337 to schedule an appointment.

As always, if you have a question or issue that you think might be a good topic for this column, let me know! Email me at rhaley@vaelderlaw.com or send to me via snail-mail to this address:

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Falls and Balance

Have you wondered why everyone talks about falls? If you have ever been to therapy, one of the first questions your therapist will ask you is how many falls have you had in the last 6 months? We all know that falls can result in injuries, but did you realize that one in four people over the age of 65 fall each year? Falls result in more than 2.8 million injuries treated in emergency departments annually, including over 800,000 hospitalizations and more than 27,000 deaths. Now that I have your attention, I would like to educate you on ways to improve your balance and prevent falls.

We have three very complex systems in our body that determine our balance. To keep it simple, they are the feeling of your feet on the floor, your inner ear, and your vision. As we age and/or develop other disease processes such as diabetes, the feeling in our feet diminishes and our brains are not provided good feedback from our feet; therefore, this system's accuracy diminishes over time.

When you think about your inner ear, think back when you were a child and you would spin yourself in circles until you felt dizzy and possibly fell down. Children tend to enjoy constantly simulating their inner ear and challenging balance but most adults don't enjoy being spun around in circles to the point of feeling sick.

The last system is your vision, and as we age, we tend to rely on our vision to help keep our balance more than the previous two systems. Now you might be thinking to yourself, but my vision has worsened as I have aged and for many this is true, but this is why it is imperative to always have good lighting during any activity. Humans tend to be more near sighted in low light situations; therefore, anytime you are up moving around without good lighting, your balance will be compromised. If you get up to go to the bathroom in the middle of the night, turn on the lights because the brighter the better. Trying to feel your way in the dark will only put you at a much higher risk of falls.

Staying active and strong, along with changing a few things throughout your home, are some of the best ways to prevent falls. Before starting any exercise program please consult your medical doctor to determine if it is safe for you to begin an exercise program. Staying active and strong doesn't have to be hard or boring. You can join the gym, start a mall walking group, take those dancing classes you always wanted to do or do anything you enjoy that gets you up and moving and improves the strength of your muscles. When patients come see us for rehab, we get them up and moving, start an exercise program and once they are stronger and getting ready to go home; we do a home visit and teach them fall recovery skills. Home visits are a vital tool in the prevention of falls for our patients. A therapist goes with you and your family member to your home and makes recommendations on how to make your home a safer environment for you. Removal of scatter rugs is probably the number one recommendation we make to patients on how to improve their safety from falls at home but other suggestions may be moving furniture, decluttering your home or installing grab bars in your bathroom.

Fall recovery is a discussion we have with almost every patient that comes to our facility prior to discharging home. Did you know that if it takes you more than one hour to get up from a fall that your risk of death from the fall doubles? We take fall recovery and prevention very seriously because we want all our patients to be safe, healthy and active. Please remove your scatter rugs, because all it takes is catching your toe on it once and you could sustain a hip fracture or even worse injuries. Talk to your doctor about starting an exercise program to ensure you stay strong and active. If you don't know much about exercise, there are many resources to get you started. You could go to your local gym for assistance using exercise equipment or you could have a physical therapy consult to target specific aspects of your balance and muscle strength. Either way, be safe and get moving!

Dr. Chrystal Harris, PT, DPT, CLT

Director of Rehab at Riverside Health and Rehab Center

Every time we try to eat healthy, along comes Christmas, Easter, summer, Friday, or Tuesday and ruins it for us.



Chatham Health and Rehabilitation Center received recognition from the

American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA) in the 2020 Quality Initiative Recognition Program.

This program honors AHCA nursing center members who achieve one or more of the following AHCA Quality Initiative goals:

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1. Who released "A House Is Not a Home" in 1964?
2. Name the singer who released "Heaven Is a Place on Earth."
3. Sheryl Crow, Suzanne Vega, Peter Frampton, Elton John, Michael McDonald, Les Paul and R.E.M. all have what disaster in common?
4. What was Yusuf Islam's name before he changed it in 1978?
5. Name the song that includes this lyric: "Sometimes I live in the country, Sometimes I live in town, Sometimes I have a great notion to jump in the river and drown."

Answers

1. Dionne Warwick. Another version of the song, by Brook Benton, was released in a film by the same name.
2. Belinda Carlisle, in 1987. The song received a Grammy nom for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance and topped the charts around the world.
3. They were some of many whose original audio master tapes were destroyed in a fire at Universal Studios in 2008. It's believed that up to 175,000 master tapes created by at least 700 musical artists were destroyed in the fire.
4. Cat Stevens. He's now dropped the Islam last name.
5. "Goodnight, Irene," by the Weavers in 1950. The "jump into the river and drown" line was the inspiration for Ken Kesey's 1964 novel, "Sometimes a Great Notion."

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Stimulus Payment Merry-Go-Round

A third round of stimulus payments are on their way. But has your second one shown up yet? Next question: Did you file last year's 2019 taxes on paper instead of e-filing? If so, that might well be the reason you don't have your money yet.

The IRS got behind on processing the paper tax forms we sent a year ago. If all had gone well, those who were eligible should have received a \$600 stimulus check (the second one) by Jan. 29, 2021.

The IRS has a specific page for you to check the status of your stimulus payment, but it's only good for the third stimulus check. All information for your first and second stimulus money has been removed from their website.

Confused yet? You're not alone. Start with www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment and scroll to Get My Payment. Click on it and fill out the information. You'll go to a page that tells you the status of the payment you're to receive now, the third payment. If it says that payment information is Not Available, it means you're not going to receive a payment the easy way (and might be why your second payment is still missing). On the Get My Payment page, click on Frequently Asked Questions to see what applies to you.

Even if you don't normally file, you'll need to file for 2020 (preferably e-file) if you want that stimulus money quickly. Look for Line 30 on the Form 1040 or 1040-SR. It's called the Recovery Rebate Credit. If you received Notice 1444 or 1444B in the mail from the IRS, it will tell you what figures to use.

If you did receive the money but your financial situation has changed and you should have received a different amount, click on Recovery Rebate Credit.

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"I'm home...What a terrible day...I took your ladyshaver to work instead of my taser!"

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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| 1. Good-luck leaf | ___ O ___ | Ingenious | ___ E ___ |
| 2. Thought | N ___ | Witch's elixir | P ___ |
| 3. Of a greater age | ___ L ___ | More peculiar | ___ D ___ |
| 4. Rowling's wizard | ___ R ___ | Laurel's buddy | ___ D ___ |
| 5. Stretch to fit | ___ A ___ | Use money or energy | ___ E ___ |
| 6. Windowsill | ___ E ___ | Traveler's inn | ___ O ___ |
| 7. Tempest | ___ M ___ | Stockpile | ___ E ___ |
| 8. Shaving foam | L ___ | Dad | F ___ |
| 9. Edge of a page | ___ G ___ | Scorsese or Van Buren | ___ T ___ |
| 10. Host DeGeneres | E ___ | Poet Ginsberg | A ___ |



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FIVE @ FIFTYFIVE

Five Essential Legal Documents You Need by Age 55


It's easy for families to put off estate planning and asset protection until "tomorrow." If we could predict the future, we would know exactly when incapacity or death would occur and plan for it. Unfortunately, we do not know what the future might hold and thus we must act now, not "tomorrow", to plan for the unexpected and the eventual.

This is why our law firm has joined the National 5@55 Campaign! The campaign seeks to educate the public and help you begin to put your plan in place. Contact The Estate & Elder Law Center at 855-503-5337 for more information on the 5 documents everyone needs!

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Birdhouse NEWS

FILTHY LUCRE REVENGE

Andreas Flaten quit his job at the Walker Luxury Autoworks in Peachtree City, GA recently because of the "toxic work environment," as he put it. His boss didn't take it kindly and that, Flaten believes, is why it took so long to receive his final paycheck, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. So, when Flaten called to ask when he would get his money, his ex-boss made accusations but relented and, at last, it showed up -- sometime in the middle of the night, dumped in his driveway, in the form of 500 pounds of pennies soaked in an oily substance.

THE ZOMBIES ARE COMING

Is the Centers for Disease Control [CDC] warning us to prepare for the nightmare of a "Zombie Apocalypse?" The short answer is no, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens AMAC. So, what is the "Zombie Preparedness" page on its Website all about? The CDC explains it this way: "As it turns out what first began as a tongue-in-cheek campaign to engage new audiences with preparedness messages has proven

to be a very effective platform. We continue to reach and engage a wide variety of audiences on all hazards preparedness via "zombie preparedness".

ONE MAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE

The previous owners of a small bowl may have thought they were lucky to have gotten \$35 for it at their yard sale. But, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC], the anonymous buyer must have been more than delighted when he found out that the bowl is likely to bring in as much as \$500,000 at auction. I didn't take long for the folks at the Sotheby's auction house to come to that conclusion when they identified it as "an exceptionally rare 15th-century Chinese antique" from the Ming dynasty.

WHAT ARE THE ODDS?

Julia Tinetti and Cassandra Madison met when they worked at a New Haven, CT restaurant in 2013. They quickly became friends, and it wasn't long before they found out they both hailed from the same country when they discovered they sported identical Dominican Republic tattoos, according to the Association of Mature American

Citizens [AMAC]. Their friendship flourished over the over the ensuing years they became closer and closer, especially when they found out they were both adopted and that both of them were raised by single mothers. It wasn't long before they decided to dig into their pasts, ultimately taking DNA tests that proved they were, in fact, biological sisters.

WHAT'S THAT LURKING BEHIND THE BATHROOM MIRROR?

Samantha Hartsoe felt a cold draft coming from the bathroom of her New York City apartment and so she went in to check it out. What she found was somewhat startling and a bit creepy, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. It seems there was a large, square hole behind her bathroom vanity mirror. Armed with a hammer, she passed through into what turned out to be an empty two-story apartment. She told a local TV reporter that she found trash bags and an empty water bottle but no sign of an inhabitant. Before crawling back into her apartment to call the building's maintenance department she made sure the mysterious apartment's door was securely locked.

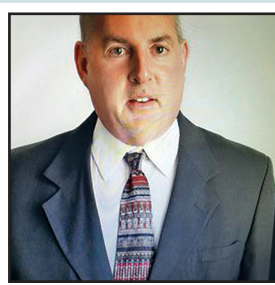
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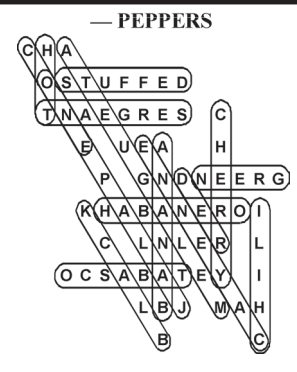
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Even Exchange answers

- Clover, Clever
- Notion, Potion
- Older, Odder
- Harry, Hardy
- Expand, Expend
- Ledge, Lodge
- Storm, Store
- Lather, Father
- Margin, Martin
- Ellen, Allen



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How to Help Your Elderly Parent with Their Finances

Dear Savvy Senior,

What tips can you offer on helping an elderly parent with their finances? My 84-year-old father is having trouble keeping up with his bills and insurance, and I just found out that he's been making contributions to a suspicious charity.

Reluctant Daughter

Dear Reluctant,

Many adult children serve as financial helpers to their elderly or ill parents. They provide services like paying bills, handling deposits and investments, filing insurance claims, preparing taxes and more. Here are some tips and resources that can help you help your dad.

Start with a Conversation

Taking on the task of helping an elderly parent with their finances can be a sensitive and difficult topic. The first step in helping your dad is to have a respectful talk with him expressing your concerns, as you stated in your question, and offering to help him with his financial chores. If you have siblings, it can be a good idea to get them involved too. This can help you head off any possible hard feelings, plus, with others involved, your dad will know everyone is concerned.

Get Organized

If your dad is willing to let you help manage, monitor or take over his financial affairs your first order of business is to get organized by making a list of his financial accounts and other important information. Your list should include his:

- Contact list: Names and numbers of key contacts like insurance agents, financial advisor, tax preparer, family attorney, etc.
- Monthly bills: Phone, cable, water and trash, gas, electric, credit card accounts, etc.
- Financial accounts: Including bank accounts, brokerage and mutual fund accounts, safe-deposit boxes and any other financial assets he has. Also get usernames and passwords for financial accounts that are set up online.
- Company benefits: Any retirement plans, pensions or health benefits from his current or former employer.
- Insurance policies: Life, home, auto, long-term care, Medicare, etc.
- Taxes: Copies of your dad's income tax returns over the past few years.

Locate Important Documents

This is also the ideal time to find out if your dad has the following essential legal documents: A will; an advance directive that includes a living will and health-care proxy, which allows you or another family member or friend to make medical decisions on his behalf if he becomes incapacitated; and a durable power of attorney, which gives you or a designated person similar legal authority for financial decisions, if needed.

If he doesn't have these important documents prepared, now is the time to do it. And if they are prepared, make sure they're updated, and you know where they're located.

Simplify Financial Tasks

The quickest way to help your dad simplify his monthly financial chores is to set up automatic payments for his utilities and other routine bills and arrange for direct deposit of his income sources.

If your dad has savings and investments scattered in many different accounts, you should consider consolidating them. You can also set up your dad's bank system and investment accounts online, so you can pay bills and monitor his accounts anytime.

Set Up Protections

To guard against scams and risky financial behaviors, consider getting your dad a True Link Visa Prepaid Card (TrueLinkFinancial.com/card). Designed for older adults with cognitive issues this card would provide your dad access to his money but with restrictions that you set on how funds can be spent. Or check out EverSafe.com, a web-based service that will automatically monitor your dad's accounts, track suspicious activity and alert you when a problem is detected.

Seek Help

If you need help or live far away, consider hiring a daily money manager (see AADMM.com) who can come in once or twice a month to pay bills, make deposits, decipher health insurance statements and balance his checkbook. Fees range between \$60 and \$150 per hour.

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